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SUBJECT : AFN INTERFERENCE WITH RADIO SARAJEVO

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1. DIZDAREVIC, IN LETTER TO EMBASSY (COPIES POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND USIA) HAS NOW TURNED DOWN OUR PROPOSAL FOR JOINT AFN-RADIO SARAJEVO POWER REDUCTION MONITORING SESSIONS. CLAIMS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED PREVIOUSLY BY YUGOSLAV EMBASSY THAT AFN REDUCTION IN SIGNAL STRENGTH EMPTY GESTURE. AFTER EXPRESSING GRATITUDE OUR OFFER TO HELP, DIZDAREVIC WROTE THAT DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN SPECIALISTS FEASIBLE ONLY AFTER AFN HAS LEFT 611 KHZ, WITH AIM OF DETERMINING THAT AFN IN FACT NO LONGER ON THIS FREQUENCY.

2. LETTER STATES
THAT PROBLEM, "IF REMAINING UNSOLVED, WOULD NOT HAVE FAVORABLE INFLUENCE ON DEVELOPMENT ON COLLABORATION IN FIELDS OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE."

3. OPINING THAT AFN RELINGUISHING 611 KHZ WOULD NOT PRESENT BIG PROBLEM, DIZDAREVIC STRESSED THAT AFN IS NOT "THE NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM OF THE USA, " ALTHOUGH AFN BROADCASTS DO INTER-

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FERE DIRECTLY WITH "THE NATIONAL RADIO PROGRAM OF BOSNIA-

HERCEGOVINA" REPEATING THAT AFN INTERFERENCE IS SOURCE OF
"BIG HEADACHE" FOR RTV SARAJEVO, AND ALSO "HARMS REPUTATION OF
USA IN OUR COUNTRY," DIZDAREVIC CLAIMED THAT CESSATION OF
INTERFERENCE WOULD "REMOVE THE CAUSES AFFECTING
DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONSHIPS IN THE INFORMATIONAL AND CULTURAL
FIELD."

3. WHILE WILLING PURSUE THIS MATTER WITH FSFA ON DCM-
STARCEVIC LEVEL, TECHNICAL NATURE OF PROBLEM AND STANCE
ADOPTED BY RADIO SARAJEVO, LEAVES US LITTLE NEGOTIATING ROOM
FOR RESOLUTION AT FEDERAL LEVEL. ADVISE.
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